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'THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN'

A SkyTrain travels out of downtown Vancouver on Thursday. Metro Vancouver voters rejected a 0.5 per cent regional sales tax to pay for transit improvements. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

PLEBISCITE

TransLink revamp 'critical' after failed bid, mayors declare

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The region's mayors have given the province six months to fix TransLink after voters emphatically voted "No" in the transit plebiscite.

Metro Vancouver residents have voted overwhelmingly against a 0.5 per cent regional sales tax to pay for transit improvements, with 61.68 per cent against compared to 38.32 in favour.

And after months of insisting the vote had nothing to do with TransLink, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson on Thursday said the transit authority requires a complete restructuring to gain back the public's trust.

"Immediate governance changes to TransLink are critical," said Robertson, an hour after Elections BC announced the result of the doomed plebiscite.

"The bottom line is we want to see the province come back on solutions for the funding gap and TransLink governance and accountability, which was raised repeatedly throughout the referendum. TransLink is a provincially created body. It exists in provincial legislation. The ball is back in the province's court for next steps."

The Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation currently only has the power to rubber-stamp transit plans prepared by TransLink's board of directors and to appoint new members from pre-approved lists of candidates.

Municipal leaders have long complained about their lack of control over the region's transportation authority and have issued the province an ultimatum now that their proposed 10-year, $7.5-billion transit plan is indefinitely on hold.

"In the absence of progress … by the end of 2015, the mayors' council will be forced to reconsider its role within the TransLink governance structure," warned Robertson.

61.68%

The percentage of voters against a 0.5% regional sales tax to pay for transit improvements.

For the first time in months, Robertson and "No" campaigner Jordan Bateman, B.C. director of the Canadian Taxpayer Federation, were singing the same tune.

"The people have spoken: they want TransLink fixed," said Bateman. "That is job No. 1. Other things regarding transit funding increases and taxes and whatnot, those are reasons why some people voted no. But the overarching narrative of this campaign has been about TransLink mismanagement."

Transportation Minister Todd Stone said the province is willing to entertain "any and all ideas" for enhancing transparency at the transit authority but declined to provide specifics or offer a timeline.

"We are going to put some thought into this question of accountability at TransLink," Stone said. In the short term, he added, TransLink can take a big step toward restoring public confidence by hiring a "strong personality" as its next CEO.

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> Mayor Gregor Robertson

Former CEO Ian Jarvis was removed from his position during the plebiscite campaign in a desperate attempt to restore public confidence in TransLink. The move backfired once it became clear Jarvis would be retained as an advisor at his full $468,000-plus salary until his contract ends in June 2016.

Interim CEO Doug Allen, who is being paid $35,000 a month until a replacement is found, rejected the notion that TransLink's reputation affected the plebiscite result.

"In my judgment, this was about a tax increase and the voters clearly said 'No,'" said Allen. "TransLink was not on the ballot. I'm the CEO of TransLink, and my job is to lead this organization. I'm not in charge of governance; you need to ask the province or the mayors … about that."

With the "Yes" vote a failure, all three parties are back at the drawing board when it comes to funding transportation infrastructure improvements.

Allen said transit service could potentially deteriorate, with no new sources of funding and a million people expected to move to the region by 2040.

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Plebiscite a blowout

TRANSPORTATION

Not one major municipality supported the transit tax

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Despite a multi-million dollar campaign from local mayors, Metro Vancouver residents thoroughly rejected a proposed 0.5 per cent regional sales tax to pay for transit improvements throughout the region.

Elections BC announced the long-awaited result of the transit plebiscite on Thursday and, at the end of the day, it wasn't even close.

Nearly 62 per cent of voters said 'No' to the region's preferred funding tool for its 10-year, $7.5 billion transit plan.

It was a tough pill to swallow for the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, but one they couldn't dispute.

"We have heard the news. Voters have spoken," said Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson.

The mayors spent $5.8 million pushing for a "Yes" vote during the voting period between March 16 and May 29 and the best defense they could offer once voters had their say was that that campaign (funded out of TransLink and municipal coffers) succeeded in educating the public and stimulating debate about transit infrastructure.

> **It's a tremendous victory for taxpayers.**
> Jordan Bateman, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

On paper, the campaign was a failure.

Not a single major municipality supported the doomed Congestion Improvement Tax.

Vancouver was closest with 49.19 per cent support, but residents of Surrey (65.54 per cent against), Burnaby (64.94), Richmond (72.39), Langley (72.29) and Maple Ridge (77.03) were among the many municipalities that resoundingly voted "No".

Only the small communities of Bowen Island, Belcarra, and Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A (University of British Columbia) saw a majority vote "Yes".

"I found it fitting that the mayors that spoke up most strongly for the tax (Robertson, Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner, Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore and New Westminster Mayor Jonathan Cote) — the ones that actually put taxpayer money into their almost-$7 million war chest — that their communities voted no," said Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Jordan Bateman, who spearheaded the modest, but vocal, $40,000 'No" campaign. "It's a tremendous victory for taxpayers."

A transit bus enters the Stanley Park causeway after crossing over the Lions Gate Bridge from North Vancouver into Vancouver, B.C., on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

REFERENDUM ANALYSIS

Drivers voted 'no'

Young Metro Vancouverites who frequently take transit and have long commutes were most likely to vote 'Yes' in the failed transit tax plebiscite, according to an Angus Reid Institute survey released Friday.

Not surprisingly, the survey found 'No' voters were most likely to be older people who drive daily and have commutes shorter than 15 minutes.

Elections B.C. announced Thursday that the 'No' side won the referendum with nearly 62 per cent of the vote, defeating a 0.5 per cent regional sales tax increase to pay for massive investments in the transit system including a Broadway subway in Vancouver, two light rail lines in Surrey and a new Pattullo Bridge.

Voters who supported the tax were twice as likely to take transit at least a few times a week (43 per cent use it two to three times weekly compared to 19 per cent of 'No' voters), with 17 per cent taking transit daily compared to eight per cent of those opposed to the tax, according to the June survey of 821 Metro Vancouver residents.

Thirty-five per cent of 'Yes' voters commute for longer than 35 minutes daily compared to 24 per cent of 'No' voters.

On the flip side, more than half of 'No' voters have commutes shorter than 15 minutes and nearly half of 'No' voters drive every day.

But no matter what side people were on, the majority thought it was a bad idea to have the referendum in the first place.

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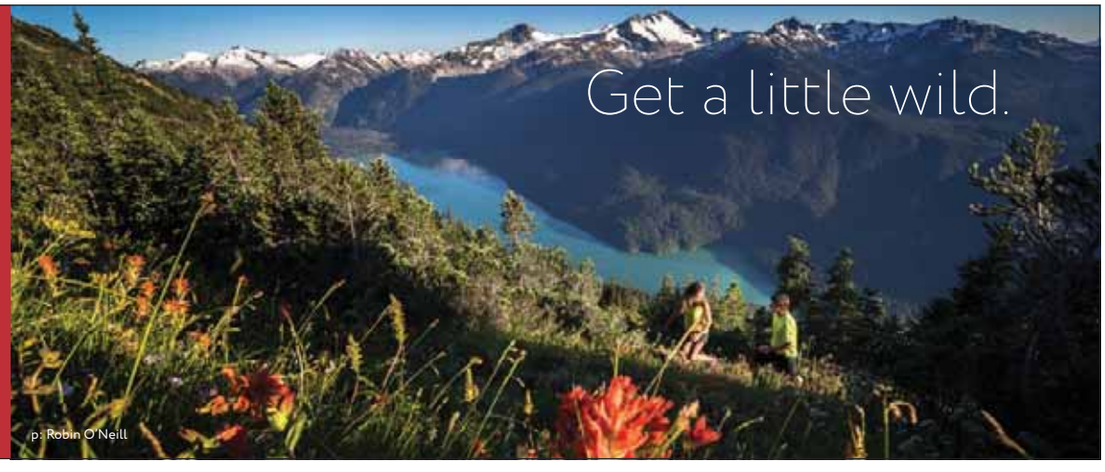

Transit plebiscite 'bad process'

METRO VANCOUVER

Urban planner says long-term needs were not fit for a vote

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The provincial government has set Metro Vancouver's transportation system back a decade by thrusting a plebiscite on the region, says the head of Simon Fraser University's urban sustainability program.

Gordon Price, director of The City Program, says a public vote is the wrong vehicle for addressing complex, long-term urban planning decisions in a rapidly growing region and was destined to fail.

"The plebiscite was a bad process," said Price, who thinks voters used the vote as a way to send a message to TransLink instead of addressing future transit needs.

"Now we're in a corner. We lose a decade or a generation, even (of transit planning)."

With the mayors' plan on regional transportation back on hold, municipalities and the province are already saying it's up to the other party to come up with a new funding source for future transit improvements.

"We need the investment in transit," said Mayor Gregor Robertson. "The money has to come from somewhere and the province controls the tools."

"The region is going to have to decide how it's going to come up with its one-third of the cost," countered Transportation Minister Todd Stone, who said provincial and federal governments are ready with their share of the funding for capital projects.

Stone said the province has no regrets about holding the plebiscite and that any new source of funding proposed by mayors in the future will have to go through the same public approval process.

"We respect the decision of the voters and are proud that we fulfilled our commitment to give people in the region the final say on any new taxes proposed by the Mayors' Council," he said.

The minister suggested municipalities have the power to raise property taxes without triggering a provincial plebiscite, but mayors are against the idea.

A SeaBus passenger ferry crosses Burrard Inlet to North Vancouver after leaving Waterfront Station in Vancouver on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The premier needs to show leadership, not play political games. She forced this referendum in the first place. She can't keep throwing it back to the mayors. They have done their job, now she must do hers."

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"One thing is clear — before adding any new money into the system, citizens want more accountability for the billions already being generated and spent by TransLink."

TRANSIT SYSTEM

Surrey to court corporate partnerships

Surrey's mayor says the city plans to ramp up negotiations with corporate partners now that the region's transit plebiscite has returned a No vote.

Since being elected last year, Linda Hepner has promised the biggest city south of the Fraser will build at least two light rapid transit lines no matter the outcome in the Metro Vancouver vote.

Now that residents have resoundingly rejected a 0.5 per cent regional sales tax to pay for transit improvements, Hepner says she's ready for Plan B.

"I am committed to that rail project even given the disappointing result," she said. "I have had interested parties speak to me — third, private parties — interested in financing that project, and I continue to expect the provincial government and federal government to be prepared to fund (its share)."

Hepner says Surrey can't keep up with projected growth without the transit lines, and that the lack of public funding has forced her to consider independent options.

"I need that rail project to go forward," she said.

The region's other mayors, meanwhile, insist there is no Plan B for the rest of their $7.5 billion transit plan.

Even Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, who last month told the Urban Land Institute that the city is looking at alternate options for his planned subway line along Broadway, backtracked on that claim.

"There is no Plan B for funding that is envisioned here," said Robertson. "In terms of a Plan B for specific projects in Vancouver, we'll look at what our options are to try to get the Broadway line built. We have an integrated system that TransLink manages across the region, and that needs to continue, so it's very difficult to work out how we might get different projects advanced, how we would access the funding from provincial and federal governments, get those projects on track and make sure that they're part of this integrated system."

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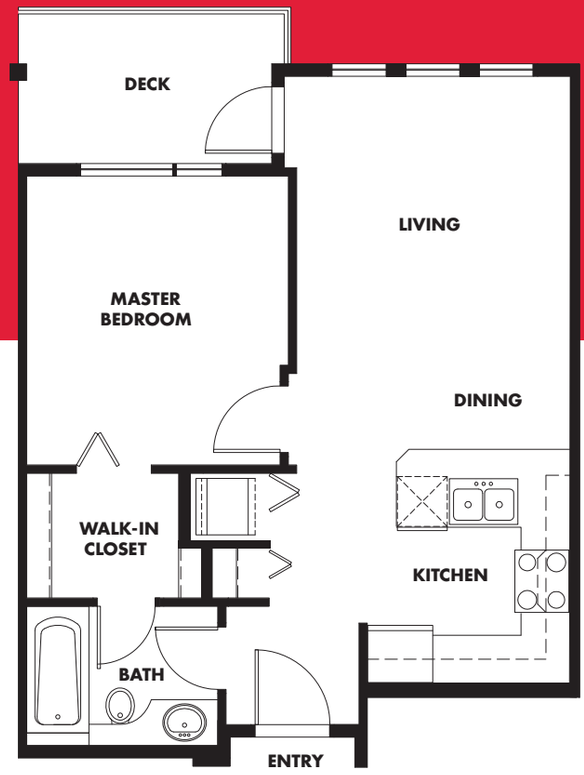

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Scholarships named after Wanting Qu

Wanting Qu, the pop star who has made local headlines for her work as Tourism Vancouver's official ambassador to China and for dating Mayor Gregor Robertson, is lending her name to a scholarship for aspiring artists.

The Art Institute of Vancouver teamed up with Qu, who graduated from the school in 2007, to offer two scholarships for recording artists.

The $20,000 Wanting Qu Rising Star Scholarship will go to a 2015 high school graduate entering the professional recording-arts program. The $10,000 Wanting Qu Most Dedicated Artist Scholarship will go to a current student in the same program.

"Pursuing music as a career changed my life for the better after I struggled to find my way in traditional academic paths," Qu said in a statement. "I really want to make a difference in helping others find their own ways in this incredible industry, and so I am very happy to help launch these scholarships and hope that they can inspire others to follow their dreams."

Wanting Qu FACEBOOK

Qu was the first Chinese artist signed by Nettwerk Records in 2009. She has since won a variety of music awards.

Prospective and current students must apply to the scholarships by Sept. 15.

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MINE DISASTER

Province cleared in Mount Polley probe

The B.C. government did not violate its duty to inform the public before a tailings pond breach at a gold and copper mine, says the province's privacy commissioner.

Elizabeth Denham said information that the province had about the Mount Polley mine before the disaster last summer was not urgent enough to require a public safety warning under the province's freedom of information and privacy laws.

"I find that government did not have information about the Mount Polley mine tailings pond dam that was clearly in the public interest, such that it should have been disclosed," Denham said in a report released Thursday.

Denham said she reviewed records dating from January 2009 to August 2014 and did not find anything indicating major risks at the central B.C. mine.

The breach last August caused 24 million cubic metres of silt and water to gush into nearby lakes and rivers.

Denham said she uncovered two incidents involving a tension crack and water rising above permitted tailings pond levels, but they did not pose a significant-enough risk.

Mines Minister Bill Bennett said a decision on reopening the Mount Polley mine is expected this month.

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Love locks on the Burrard Bridge in February 2013 before the city chopped them off. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Permanent love-locks sculpture in the works

PARK BOARD

Installation proposed for one of three locations

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Lovers whose hearts were broken when the City of Vancouver unceremoniously chopped the padlocks representing their devotion off the Burrard Bridge will soon have a new, city-sanctioned place to affix a symbol of undying love.

The Vancouver park board's general manager recommends the city create a permanent love-locks sculpture at one of three city parks: Kitsilano Beach Park, English Bay Beach or the Queen Elizabeth Park lookout plaza.

Love locks, an international trend where lovers place a lock on a public bridge, gate or fence and throw away the key, have been spotted on the Burrard Bridge and the fence near the Plaza of Nations, but the city chops them off due to safety concerns. While a few locks aren't a big deal, sections of bridges such as Paris's Pont des Arts have collapsed when too many lovers wanted to show off their commitment.

To avoid such a collapse, the park board wants to hire a local artist to design a structure built solely for the purpose of bearing love locks, according to a report the board will vote on next week. Toronto, Seoul and Moscow have taken this approach.

The park board recommends the sculpture be placed at a lookout point to conform with the international trend. It chose Kits, English Bay and Queen Elizabeth Park as its top three locations, axing Jericho Beach and Prospect Point in Stanley Park as options because they are less accessible by transit and people of all ages and abilities.

If the park board commissioners approve the report on Monday, staff will consult with the public this summer and ask residents to pick their preferred location. The public's choice will be presented to the park board this fall.

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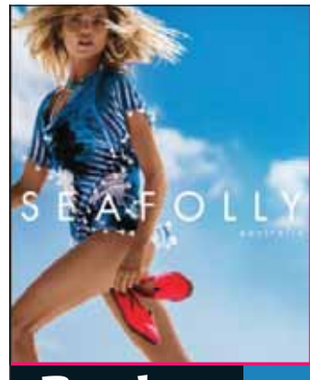

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Nurses rally for ill student

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Team comes together so woman can see FIFA final

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Nurses in Victoria are rallying around a young woman with a rare, debilitating illness whose dream is to see the FIFA Women's World Cup final in Vancouver on Sunday.

In early March, University of Victoria kinesiology student Darbi Aitchison was in the middle of midterm exams when she experienced a massive headache, severe back pain and a tingling sensation in her fingers and toes.

The 22-year-old athlete, who plays soccer and sails, was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a rare but serious autoimmune disorder that causes muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis.

"By the end of the week, I couldn't move my legs, I couldn't walk. The left side of my face started to droop and I couldn't smile," she told Metro on the phone from Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. At one point, Aitchison, who spent three months in the intensive care unit, was completely paralyzed and could move only her eyes.

"It was frustrating and scary, to be honest, " she said.

Over the past four months, Aitchison has started to regain some movement in her hands, back and shoulders. Although she still faces a long road to recovery with intense daily physiotherapy to learn how to sit, stand and walk again, she said one goal has inspired her to keep going. About a month after her diagnosis, a friend bought two tickets to go see the FIFA Women's World Cup final in Vancouver.

An avid soccer fan, Aitchison said she dreamed of being able to

> **It was frustrating and scary, to be honest.**
> Darbi Aitchison

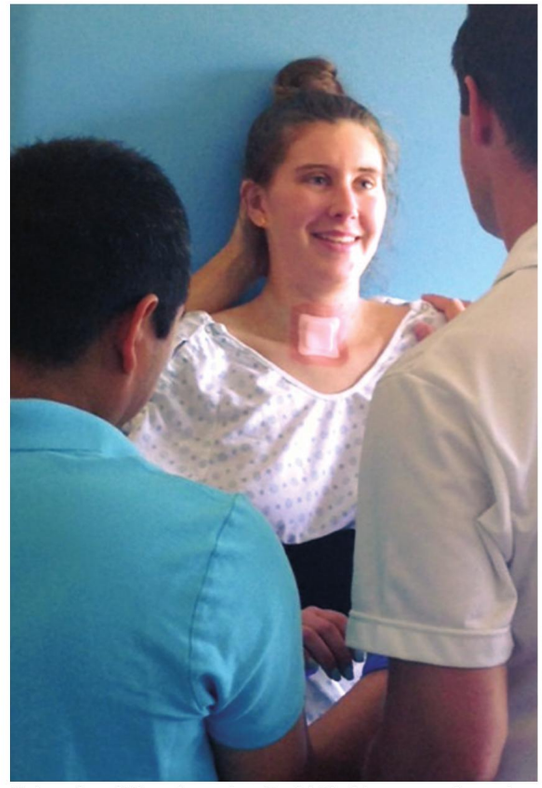
experience the "once in a lifetime opportunity" of seeing the game, and taking a break from the hospital room that has been her home for the past four months.

When Victoria General Hospital nurse Sarah Yager caught wind of her patient's wish to go see the game, she knew she wanted to find a way to make her dream come true.

"At the time, it seemed like a bit of a far-fetched dream given how sick she was," said Yager.

"But seeing how strong and courageous she is — she never took a smile off of her face— we really just wanted to make this happen for her."

Yager and a team of nurses are trying to organize transportation and a support team of two off-duty nurses to get Aitchison to Vancouver and back on Sunday.



University of Victoria student Darbi Aitchison goes through physiotherapy on Tuesday to help her regain movement after she was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, which has left her paralyzed. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Honoured for heroism, man arrested at pot protest

A man arrested at a Vancouver pot protest on Canada Day is vowing to burn an award he received for his heroism during the Stanley Cup riot.

Vancouver Police honoured Bert Easterbrook in 2013 with a certificate of merit — the highest award for civilian bravery — for stopping rioters from flipping over a truck two years earlier. On Wednesday, he and two others were charged with obstruction after they tried to stop police from arresting a man for trafficking at the annual Cannabis Day event.

"It's absolutely ironic," Easterbrook said Thursday. "I don't choose to be honoured by cowards, so I'll burn my award."

Police said they had to intervene at Wednesday's protest because a man ignored a warning to stop selling pot to minors.

Neil Magnuson identified himself as the man charged with trafficking. He said he didn't sell to anyone he thought was under 17.

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U.S. LAWSUIT

Former Gitmo prisoner faces $134 million in damages

A U.S. judge has granted $134.2 million US in damages to the widow of an American soldier killed in Afghanistan and another soldier partially blinded by a hand grenade in their lawsuit against former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr.

In their lawsuit, Tabitha Speer and Layne Morris alleged a teenage Khadr was responsible for the July 2002 death of Sgt. Christopher Speer and injuries to Morris in Afghanistan.

Their case rested largely on Khadr's guilty plea to five war crimes before a widely maligned U.S. military commission in Guantanamo Bay in October 2010.

Khadr, now 28, who spent 10 years at Guantanamo Bay and was transferred to Canada in 2012, has since said he pleaded guilty only to get out of Guantanamo and is seeking to have his conviction overturned.

Retired U.S. Sgt. Layne Morris speaks to the media after Canadian citizen Omar Khadr pleaded guilty to war crimes at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in this 2010 file photo.
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The plaintiffs acknowledged Thursday that there is little chance they will collect any of the money from him.

"It's really more of a statement case, I think, than a desire to collect this," said lawyer Laura Tanner, who represents Speer and Morris.

While Khadr is essentially penniless, having spent almost 13 years behind bars before finally being released on bail earlier this month, he is in the process of suing the Canadian government for $20 million for alleged violations of his civil rights.

A Utah judge handed down the default judgment on June 8 after the suit got no answer from Khadr.

"Omar Khadr has been in jail so he can't defend himself," said his attorney, Dennis Edney.

Still, the plaintiffs' lawyers are seeking a Canadian law firm to help collect the money.

A Calgary lawyer who was consulted but not retained by the plaintiffs' legal team said an application must be brought before Canadian courts before the ruling can be enforced.

Gerald Chipeur said Canadian courts generally recognize American judgments but there's always a possibility the ruling could be rejected.

The big question, he said, is whether Khadr was given proper notice of the legal action against him.

The case against Toronto-born Khadr drew criticism from human rights groups because he was captured as a teenager and seriously wounded during a four-hour battle at an al-Qaida compound in Afghanistan.

His lawyers contended he was groomed to be a child soldier, forced into fighting the U.S. by a radical father who was accused of being a senior al-Qaida financier. Military prosecutors in the case, meanwhile, portrayed Khadr as a dangerous terrorist.
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IN BRIEF

WestJet believes latest bomb threat on Toronto-bound flight is a hoax

A bomb threat believed to be a hoax prompted WestJet to divert a Vancouver-to-Toronto flight to Calgary on Wednesday night.

This was the fourth time in five days that a WestJet flight had been the subject of a threat and the fifth such incident involving a Canadian airliner in a week.

In all of the cases, searches of the aircraft unearthed nothing suspicious. Police say the investigation is continuing and there have been no arrests.

On Tuesday, a WestJet flight with 113 passengers and five crew members landed in Saskatoon after a threat on a flight from Toronto to Saskatoon.

A WestJet flight en route from Edmonton to Toronto was forced to divert to Winnipeg on Monday night.

Last Saturday morning, a WestJet flight from Edmonton to Halifax landed in Saskatoon after police said a call had been made claiming an explosive device was on board.
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ECONOMY

Citizens still struggling to get cash ahead of referendum

The battle for Greek votes entered full swing Thursday ahead of a crucial weekend referendum that could decide whether the country falls out of the euro. For Greeks, particularly the elderly, the daily struggle to get cash ground on in the face of uncertainty.

Greece's rescue lenders have halted negotiations on a new financial aid program until after the vote on whether to accept reforms the creditors proposed last week in exchange for bailout loans.

That Greece will need a third international bailout is a near certainty. The International Monetary Fund, one of the country's creditors in its two bailouts so far, said Thursday that the country needs debt relief and 50 billion euros ($56 billion US) in new financing from October through 2018.

The analysis was made before Greece defaulted on IMF loans Tuesday and closed its banks Monday. The outlook is worse now.

Debt relief has been one of the main demands of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' government, but it met with strenuous resistance in negotiations with Greece's creditors who, apart from the IMF, are other eurozone countries and the European Central Bank.

But Tsipras has also been adamant he does not want any more bailouts involving just loans — rather a different "growth pact" with Europe that will allow the economy to emerge from a depression.

Tsipras called the referendum for Sunday while asking voters to reject the creditors' proposals, saying it would put the country in a stronger negotiating position.

> **We are in something of an unknown.**
> Francois Hollande, president of France

The idea was dismissed by the head of the eurozone finance ministers' group, Jeroen Dijsselbloem. "That suggestion is simply wrong," Dijsselbloem told lawmakers in the Netherlands.

European officials and the Greek opposition have warned a "No" outcome Sunday could be tantamount to a decision to leave the euro.

"The consequences are not the same if it's a yes or no," French President Francois Hollande said during a visit to Cotonou, Benin.

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Sears Canada CEO resigns

MANAGEMENT

Chain has had three top execs in two years

Sears Canada Inc. is looking for a chief executive officer again, following its announcement Thursday that Ronald Boire will depart at the end of this summer — less than a year after taking on the job.

He will become president and CEO of the Barnes & Noble chain of bookstores effective Sept. 8, according to a statement from New York by the U.S. retailer.

Boire became the third CEO of Sears Canada in two years last fall.

Sears Canada said the chairman of its board of directors, Brandon Stranzl, will take on a greater leadership role.

In the company's first quarter, Sears Canada had a $59.1-million net loss for the first quarter as revenues dropped 9.7 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

Last week, Desjardins analyst Keith Howlett issued a report saying Sears Canada has less than two years to prove itself capable of a turnaround.

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IN BRIEF

Ford recalls more than 52,000 vehicles in Canada

Ford announced it is recalling 52,180 vehicles in Canada due to a software bug that could leave the car running after the ignition is turned off. The automaker said it is recalling a total of 433,000 vehicles across North America. Ford said it is unaware of any accidents or injuries related to the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ENVIRONMENT

BP commits $18.7B to states hurt by spill

Trying to close the books on the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP agreed Thursday to provide billions of dollars in new money to five Gulf Coast states in a deal the company said would bring its total costs related to the disaster to an estimated $53.8 billion.

Federal and state government officials touted the record-breaking $18.7-billion agreement as a historic milestone in the Gulf Coast's recovery. The Deepwater Horizon disaster killed 11 rig workers and spewed millions of gallons of crude that stained beaches, coated wildlife and polluted marshes.

BP also gets a valuable return: the payments, to be made over 18 years, could be tax-deductible.

"This allows us to manage BP as an oil company," BP CEO Bob Dudley said during a conference call. He said BP could launch as many as 20 major new projects by 2020, depending on oil prices.

The Justice Department said Thursday's agreement would be the largest environmental settlement in U.S. history as well as the largest-ever civil settlement with a single entity.

BP's total spill-related cost estimate also includes roughly $29 billion on response and cleanup expenses, and compensation for coastal businesses and residents.

By staggering payments over 18 years, the deal would enable BP to pay dividends to shareholders and have enough financial flexibility for future deals and projects. The total is larger than BP had provisioned for, but without a settlement, the company faced still-larger Clean Water Act penalties.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON THE TAMPON-TAX WINDFALL

The (tax-free) million-dollar question is, what am I going to do with all this extra money?

It's rare that I'm excited to buy tampons. It's an unavoidable chore that usually means the following few days will consist of being bloated, acne-ridden and fixated on finding a way to put chocolate in a salad. Accurate PMS stereotypes aside, this month I am excited to buy tampons because, for the first time in my life, I'll be buying them tax-free!

A few months ago I wrote about a petition that was collecting signatures for the No Tax On Tampons campaign, and, thanks entirely to my column, it worked! I'm kidding — it was really thanks to the hard work of activist Jill Piebiak and those around her, who managed to get the signatures on the paper and the tax off the tampons. As of July 1, tampons, sanitary napkins (a term only ever used in newspapers and health class) and menstrual cups are all GST-free. Oh, and sanitary belts are exempt, even though they stopped selling those in the '70s — this is like offering tax breaks to anyone using a rotary phone.

The (tax-free) million-dollar question is, what am I gonna buy with all this extra money? I feel I should dedicate it to the female corner of my life, since that's where the windfall came from, but that's still a pretty broad — pun! — category.

Yesterday, while strolling through one of those gift stores that sells everything from candles to wooden iPhone cases to no-petroleum-gluten-free-will-not-cause-autism lip balms, I pondered purchasing a Frida Kahlo magnet set for my fridge. I know Frida was a feminist and she means a lot to feminists, but it occurred to me I'm not 100 per cent sure why I know that. So I didn't buy those magnets for fear of being a phoney.

I also thought about purchasing a copy of Sheryl Sandberg's book Lean In: Women, Work and the Will To Lead. I hear it's full of great tips on how to assert yourself in the workplace. But I don't like to buy a new book while I'm reading another, so until I've finished Why Men Marry Bitches, I'm leaning out of that purchase.

I strongly considered putting my tax savings toward a menstrual cup, which, see above, would itself be a sans-tax purchase. And given that it's reusable, It would be the last menses-related product I'd ever have to buy. But. I. Just. Can't. I know they're better for the environment and I feel like they somehow symbolize women being strong and independent ("As long as I have food, water and this cup, nothing can stop me. Not even Aunt Flow."). That said, I guess I'm immature because when the thought crossed my mind, my first instinct was "Ew. No."

While taking the tax off of tampons is huge in terms of acknowledging the purchases a woman makes to deal with her period discreetly are not luxuries, it's not huge in terms of savings. I might be clearing about eight bucks a year, which isn't buying me much more than half a movie ticket. BTW, what happened at the end of Jurassic World? Were there dinosaurs?

Luckily, one thing I do not have to buy is a sense of satisfaction. Thanks to Jill Piebiak, I already have one.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

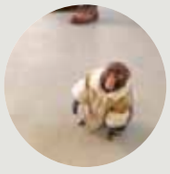
Happy face/Sad face

From **gender-bending lizards** to **pilfered potatoes**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Monkey business to stay open

The IKEA monkey won't be homeless after all. Darwin the rhesus macaque, made famous in 2012 after being found outside a Toronto IKEA, has been living, by court order, at an Ontario primate sanctuary. The farm was about to close for financial reasons this week when an anonymous donor saved the day. Darwin, who handlers call "mischievous, energetic and ... adolescent," will keep frolicking on the farm for the foreseeable future.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



The beer-to-barley cycle

Denmark's Roskilde music festival will feature the usual drinking, dancing and partying this year — with a little something extra. Some porta-potties are being eschewed in favour of communal troughs that will collect revellers' urine for reuse as fertilizer for beer barley. Organizers hope to divert 25,000 litres of nitrogen-rich pee to barley fields — a very literal example of "What goes around, comes around."

SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN

A reward to dig up the potato tamperer

Months after metal needles were found in Prince Edward Island potatoes, the P.E.I. Potato Board has offered $500,000 for intel on the person responsible. Wild theories (but few facts) about the spud tamperer abound. Last fall, workers in P.E.I. found needles in potatoes they were processing. Four provinces got unpleasant surprises in their potato imports, but the tainted spuds never made it to stores. SOURCE: VICE

The sex-swapping species

Rising temperatures are creating some gender-bending bearded dragons. The sex of the Australian lizards can be determined either genetically or according to temperature during gestation — a trick many reptiles can do. But until now, they weren't thought to switch between male and female. Research published in the journal Nature found genetically male bearded dragons were living as females in the outback, and were even able to mate with regular males to produce fertile offspring.

SOURCE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A church becoming a community space is the next best thing

Nuns in Los Angeles are doing to Katy Perry what Apple couldn't do to Taylor Swift: They're saying no.

No, Katy Perry, you cannot buy our convent.

Word is, Perry wants the sprawling building for her new home. But the nuns have already chosen a different buyer (plus, they don't like her videos). You'd think the most ironic fate for a holy building is to end up in the hands of a half-dressed pop star, until you remember Perry's uber-religious upbringing and the fact that churches are becoming all kinds of things these days.

I live around the corner from a 126-year-old church-turned-luxury-condo. In Ottawa, one old church is now a private home. In Quebec — home to half of this country's approximately 13 million Catholics — churches are becoming gyms and seniors centres. In Europe, one church is now a skateboard park; another, a Frankenstein-themed pub.

The sales boil down to whether parishes pull in enough money to maintain the churches, and whether enough people are filling the pews to justify staying open.

Some might say there's nothing more sacrilegious than to see a stained-glass Jesus become the backdrop for a set of dead weights or a soaker tub. But as a Catholic, I say go for it. It's better to preserve the signs of faith than demolish them altogether.

Sure, I'd rather a church stay a church, both for the religious and for everyone else who benefits from community space in which to house a neighbourhood daycare, say, or dinners for homeless people. Most church doors are always open to people who have nowhere else to go.

If a former church transforms into some variation of a community space, that's the next best thing. A private home would be the least best thing.

But as René Laprise, director of media relations for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, told me, bishops have to be pragmatic about their real estate deals.

"If it happened it became a nightclub, I don't think they would be happy," Laprise said. But when you're no longer the owner, he added, "what can you say?"

When a church falls out of religious use, the spiritual call to reckon with what life is for and how we should live, gets quieter. But cities change. And while bricks and stones can't hold a faith, they do carry its residue. Even if you renovate around the vaulted ceilings and towering spires, the church gets the last word: God was (and is always, to believers) here.

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A simple catchphrase would define a career in film

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Richard Crouse

Where would Arnold Schwarzenegger's career be without these three simple words: "I'll be back"? Taken from The Terminator, it's as simple a phrase as was ever uttered in the movies but became a pop culture catchphrase and came to define Arnold's career on screen and off.

He's used the line — or a slight variation on it — in three other Terminator movies and eight other films. In 1993's Last Action Hero, he says it three times! He utters it one more time as he jumps from one helicopter to another in this weekend's Terminator Genisys.

Few actors have done so much with so little. But the perfectly crafted saying almost didn't happen.

"In the treatment it was 'I'll come back,'" The Terminator director and co-writer James Cameron told me. "In the script it was 'I'll be back.' I don't remember why I changed it. It just sounded better."

The line certainly played no small part in establishing Schwarzenegger's larger-than-life action hero image even though Arnold had problems with it when they were shooting the film.

In his autobiography, Total Recall, Schwarzenegger recalls, "Our biggest disagreement was about 'I'll be back.' I was arguing for 'I will be back'. I felt that the line would sound more machine-like and menacing without the contraction.

"(But) we shot it as written in the script. The truth was that, even after all these years of speaking English, I still didn't understand contractions."

"There is something about the way the line plays," says Cameron, "not just Arnold's delivery, but the fact that you've seen enough of him in action up to that point to know that when he says 'I'll be back,' something really bad is going to happen. There is a counterpoint between the innocence of the words and the threat that is a wink to the audience. And the audience likes to be in the position of knowing what is going to happen next. They may not know the details, but they know something bad is going to happen and then it pays off. He just comes flying through the window in a car and takes out the whole place. So there is something kind of delicious about the anticipation that it produces."

The line's popularity wasn't planned. Cameron, who has three quips on AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Movie Quotes list — "I'll be back," "Hasta la vista, baby" from T2, and Titanic's "I'm king of the world!" — says it is a bad idea to try and write catchphrases.

"I think it is a very hard thing to try and do that," he says. "I think I was somewhat self-conscious about it when I did Terminator 2 and he says 'Hasta la vista, baby.' That I knew I was doing a line, an Arnold line. I think it is a very dangerous area because it can so easily blow up on you and I tend not to do that."

Schwarzenegger has been associated with dozens of one-liners. So many, in fact that a YouTube video titled 160 Greatest Arnold Schwarzenegger Quotes has over 20 million hits.

But as widely imitated as "Hasta la vista, baby" was — even Chilean president Michelle Bachelet aped Arnold's famous delivery of the line — "I'll be back" remains his most iconic line.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Terminator Genisys	★★★
Magic Mike XXL	★★★
Madame Bovary	★★
Infinitely Polar Bear	★★★★

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THE TV DINNER **JESSICA ALLEN**

Like the male nude, when it comes to sausages, size does not matter. Although sausages come in mostly one shape, there are many forms

"It is widely supposed that the naked human body is in itself an object upon which the eye swells with pleasure ..."

Blah, blah, blah. You don't want to hear me quote the great British art historian Kenneth Clark on the beauty of the nude form. Let's talk about sausages and Magic Mike XXL.

My getting down to brass tacks is a play straight out of Channing Tatum's playbook: "We read the message boards and they were like, 'Less story, more dancing', so we take direction well," he said in a recent interview of the upcoming sequel, where Mike and his beautifully buffed buddies take a road trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to attend a stripper convention.

"We didn't want to get so over-handed with all the gender stuff, or with everybody's story, it's a dancer-stripper movie, we're not going to try and make it like Lawrence of Arabia."

Exactly. And sausages are never going to be pork tenderloin because they're utilitarian — a way of using up the leftover, cheap bits — and we've been making them for as long as we've been appreciating the beauty of the nude.

Like the male nude, when it comes to sausages, size does not matter. And although sausages come in mostly one shape, there are many forms.

"We must give thanks that sausages are not in the realm of natural history," Alan Davidson writes in The Oxford Companion to Food,"for, if they were, the arguments conducted by rival taxonomists would be endless."

In other words, no two sausages are the same: There are fresh sausages, which you cook before consuming, and cured sausages, like salami.

I don't think I've ever met a sausage I didn't like: Polish, German, Italian, French, British, Spanish. You name it, I'll devour it.

I'm currently fixated with the fresh sausages that my local butcher Custodio's Meats and Eats sells. His Italian sausage has just enough heat. His French-inspired sausage, flavoured with white wine, thyme and Dijon mustard, often sell out on the weekend. One time a guy in front of me bought the last dozen on display and I almost Channing-ed all over his Tatum. I don't know what that means. But get between me and a sausage, and there will be trouble.

Alongside Ontario asparagus and a foil bag stuffed with potatoes on the barbecue, I believe we eat those sausages at least once a week.

Michelangelo believed "that the highest subject of art was a group of nude male figures," Clark wrote, "physically perfect, and so arranged that their bodies could convey through movement a life-giving energy."

Sausages provide me with a life-giving energy. And I suspect Magic Mike XXL, which exploded onto theatre screens this week, will, too.

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THE FILM: MAGIC MIKE XXL

THE FOOD: SAUSAGES

CULT CLASSIC

Wet Hot prequel available July 31

The prequel to the cult movie Wet Hot American Summer is called First Day at Camp. The trailer for the series has just been released.

Despite being panned by critics, Wet Hot American Summer (2001) went on to become a cult classic, thanks partly to its all-star cast including Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks.

On Thursday, Netflix revealed the trailer to an eight-episode prequel of the movie, entitled Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp. Many of the original cast feature, as well as new characters played by celebrities such as Jon Hamm and Kristen Wiig.

All episodes will be released on Netflix on July 31. AFP

Amy Poehler and Bradley Cooper in First Day at Camp.
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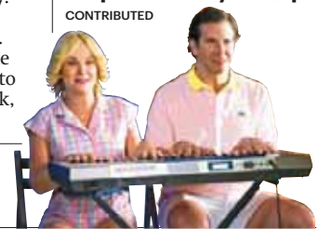
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DRAMA & COMEDY

Infinitely Polar Bear

Director: Maya Forbes
Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana

Maya Forbes' autobiographically inflected Infinitely Polar Bear stars Mark Ruffalo as a man who suffers from bipolar disorder, as he attempts to rebuild a relationship with his two daughters and win back the trust of his wife.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 78% **Audience:** +91%

DOCUMENTARY

The Wolfpack

Director: Crystal Moselle
Starring: Bhagavan Angulo, Govinda Angulo

Locked away from society in an apartment on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the Angulo brothers learn about the outside world through the films that they watch. Nicknamed the Wolfpack, the brothers spend their childhood re-enacting their favourite films.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 83% **Audience:** 77%

ANIMATION

Inside Out

Directors: Pete Docter, Ronnie del Carmen
Starring: Amy Poehler, Bill Hader

Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. The emotions that guide her — Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness — conflict on how to navigate the move.

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Maya Forbes' debut film, Infinitely Polar Bear, delves into the life of Cam Stuart (Mark Ruffalo) struggling to hold his family together in 1970s Boston as he battles against his manic depression. SEACIA PAVAO/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Capturing life as a bipolar dad

INFINITELY POLAR BEAR

Mark Ruffalo talks research tactics for role in new film

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

Delving into a character with mental illness can be a tricky business, but Mark Ruffalo had a unique avenue for research for his latest, Infinitely Polar Bear. First-time writer-director Maya Forbes hired Ruffalo to pretty much play her late father.

The indie calls on Ruffalo to portray Cam Stuart, struggling to raise his two daughters in 1970s Boston while his wife (fellow Marvel stable-mate Zoe Saldana) heads to graduate school in New York and his manic depression wreaks havoc on everyday life.

"I have bipolar family members, so it wasn't totally out of left field," Ruffalo says. "Then I met Maya and started hearing the stories about Cam and watching his Super 8 movies. It just felt like, OK I think I know the way into this. It feels right to me, and it's not a glossed-over, gilded version that as I get into doing research about I'm going to find some totally different person and then there's going to be some conflict between me and Maya about that."

In fact, conflict with Forbes was happily minimal. Ruffalo found her to be incredibly collaborative, something he holds in high regard. "I'd have my moments of rebellion, as any actor should at some point or another, but never felt like our views of it were divergent," he says. "All the great directors that I've worked with are able to take collaboration without being threatened by it. But it's atypical to first-time directors, that openness, to have that kind of strong vision that you're confident to take collaboration from everybody."

For Ruffalo, although the film puts Cam's bipolar disorder front and centre, it was important that didn't totally define the character.

"If you have a guy who's an a—hole who's in a wheelchair, he's still an a—hole. And if you have a really nice person in a wheelchair, they're still a really nice person," Ruffalo says. "Yes, who they are is informed by having to live in that wheelchair, but to some degree who that person is is essentially who they are, and bipolar is something that swings in and out of their life."

"So for me, the really important thing was getting the specifics of Cam, who Cam was. Cam was this person who had a lot of really interesting qualities about him and would've been a really interesting person without being bipolar. That was the impediment that the family had to deal with."

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A 19th-century hot mess

INTERVIEW

Emma Bovary shops and cheats — a relatable tale of consumption

Steve Gow
For Metro

Mia Wasikowska as Emma in Sophie Barthes' Madame Bovary. CONTRIBUTED

Gustave Flaubert's classic novel Madame Bovary has long been a captivating challenge for filmmakers. Often regarded as impervious to the big-screen, there have been many attempts — the latest from sophomore filmmaker Sophie Barthes. The tale of a dispirited doctor's wife (Mia Wasikowska) seduced into adultery and the trivial tantalization of materialism may be set in the 19th century, but as Barthes told Metro, there's much to reap from the Romantic-era tragedy.

This story has been made into movies many times but it seems like a tricky novel to adapt. Why is that?
It's kind of unfilmable (laughs). Flaubert's prose is specific and very rich and how do you translate that on-screen? Also, she's not an active character. She's someone who's bored, so how do you translate dissatisfaction and depression on the screen without making a very contemplative movie? It's all those ingredients that don't make it easy to film.

It must be a challenge to recreate the 19th century on-screen, but what's the challenge in relating that to a modern audience?
There are a lot of things that are relevant to an audience today, mainly this idea of credit and the way that Flaubert envisioned the birth of capitalism — the fact that consumerism (could) turn into something that's addictive and self-destructing. I've been living in New York for 15 years and I've got this feeling that everything is about consumption. You're forced to consume more than you should; he saw that in the mid-19th century already which I think was incredible.

Having starred in Jane Eyre and Albert Nobbs, Mia Wasikowska is no stranger to period dramas. What makes her so suited?
She's been shooting (films) since she was 17 so I think she's got an instinctual way of performing. She's very connected to her emotions and she doesn't intellectualize the material — she just does it. And her physicality is very classic. She has perfect symmetry in her face so the camera likes that. She looks like she comes out of a Renaissance painting — it works very well for period.

Dread Pirate Roberts, Silk Road creator Ross Ulbricht, and his family are the subjects of a new doc. ASSOCIATED PRESS/HANDOUT

Documentary wades into dark waters

DOCUMENTARY

Deep Web explores life of Silk Road mastermind

Steve Gow
For Metro

In May, Ross Ulbricht was sentenced to life in prison. He wasn't a terrorist. He wasn't convicted of murdering anyone. The 31-year-old Texan managed a website.

Not just any website, mind you. Ulbricht was the mastermind behind Silk Road — a controversial darknet bazaar that facilitated the sales of everything from art to illicit drugs. Even before the arrest of Ulbricht, it was a world that engrossed actor-turned-director Alex Winter who made the Napster documentary Downloaded.

"The stakes keep getting higher but the issues are really the same — the ignorance and fear around the Napster story has just become magnified with the Silk Road," said Winter.

"With the arrest of Ross Ulbricht, the issues were becoming life and death and much bigger than just quibbling about Madonna tracks being taken for free."

In his latest film Deep Web, Winter purges the mysterious darknet (an area not indexed by standard search engines) and takes a look at such issues as digital rights, internet privacy and the "disparity between legal punishment in the physical space and legal punishment online" — questions that open many scary doors, especially considering the extent of Ulbricht's sentencing.

"From the get-go, I focused on Ross and his family," said Winter. "Those are the human beings at the centre of this story and the movie is very much focused on them and it doesn't bite off more than it can chew. It's not going to tell the whole story.

"What people understand is that what they're getting in the media isn't even the tip of the iceberg."

BEHIND THE SCENES

An excellent adventure

Deep Web is such an important tale for the digital age that Alex Winter felt compelled to turn to crowdfunding to finish the production, narrated by his Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure co-star Keanu Reeves.

Winter promised to join donors of $10,000 on a yacht anywhere around the globe and play air guitar until his arms fell off, referring to his famous onscreen character from the 1989 flick.

"We did that as kind of a crowdfunding joke but then we did get a few takers, (but) we couldn't set them securely enough so I didn't end up doing it," laughed Winter. "You have to be careful what you wish for."

> **"It's mostly about finding these people and gaining their trust.**
> **Alex Winter, director**

Excellent Adventure is 26 years old. So how would the two dim-witted teens cope in the digital age?

"They can't cope in the physical space but they'd be completely screwed in the digital space," laughed the one-time actor. "I guess the upside is, they wouldn't have any idea how to get online in the first place."

Gaining trust

Making a movie about the online black market is not easy.

"It's a lot of legwork," said Winter. "It's mostly about finding these people and gaining their trust. That's where the lion's share of the work goes because you don't have a story without that."

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The best Canadian folk fests

CANADA

Events pack in music, crafts, culture and the great outdoors

Steve Gow
For Metro

With today's kickoff of the 55th annual Mariposa Folk Fest, summer truly begins slightly north of Toronto!

A summertime tradition, folk festivals are as Canadian as poutine or author Pierre Berton, bringing thousands of tourists and fans together to celebrate music, culture and community outside.

Mariposa may be the "Grande Dame of Canadian Folk Fests," but there's strong competition across this great nation. Here's a look at Canada's most road trip-worthy fests to get your folk on this summer.

IF YOU GO
Bring sunscreen, mosquito repellent and rain gear. Take along a refillable water bottle and a chair or blanket, too.

Clockwise, from top left: Singer Myrna Lorrie performs at a previous Mariposa Folk Festival, revelling in the sun at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, Ottawa Folk Festival (now CityFolk) draws a crowd, and lighting up the Edmonton Folk Festival.
CLOCKWISE: FLICKR: ORPHEUS0310; WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL; CITYFOLK; EDMONTON FOLK FESTIVAL

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL, July 3-5

Named in honour of humorist Stephen Leacock's fictional name for the town of Orillia, Mariposa was launched in 1961. Although it was forced to change locations several times over the decades, it finally returned to Orillia in 2000 and has flourished since, attracting such top-line acts as Gordon Lightfoot and Buffy Sainte-Marie.
This year's top draws: Lucinda Williams, Mary Chapin Carpenter
Folksy fact: Orillia hometown-boy Gordon Lightfoot was turned down for a spot at the very first festival.
More info: mariposafolk.com

WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL, July 9–12

Everyone from Joan Baez to The Barenaked Ladies has been performing at the Winnipeg Folk Fest since its rise in the mid-1970s. A world-renowned event, the Winnipeg festival is recognized for its communal spirit, a lively campground (that hosts around 6,000 campers), sophisticated food vendors and the "Hand-Made Village," where local artisans showcase everything from soap to ceramics.
This year's top draws: Wilco, Jenny Lewis
Folksy fact: Each year, the festival generates more than $29 million for Winnipeg's economy.
More info: winnipegfolkfestival.ca

EDMONTON FOLK FESTIVAL, Aug. 6-9

Beginning in 1980 with one staff member and 300 volunteers, the four-day Edmonton Folk Fest now draws a huge crowd with a broad array of talent that ranges from Woodstock legend Richie Havens to hip-hop pioneers Arrested Development. Set in Gallagher Park, the venue is a wintertime ski hill that makes for a fantastic natural amphitheatre with Edmonton's downtown skyline acting as a dramatic backdrop at dusk.
This year's top draws: Sinead O'Connor, Of Monsters and Men
Folksy fact: An environmentally friendly event, Edmonton even uses cash registers run on solar power.
More info: edmontonfolkfest.org

CITYFOLK, OTTAWA, Sept. 16–20

The brand-new moniker for the re-imagined Ottawa Folk Festival, CityFolk will be rounding out the summer with crowds of 50,000. Now located at Lansdowne Park, CityFolk has broadened to include several mainstream acts along with local indie artists. "There's still a tip of a hat to folk," explained CityFolk's AJ Sauve of the evolving talent roster. "We want to attract a wide audience and at the same time, the loyal crowd we've always maintained."
This year's top draws: Van Morrison, Avett Brothers, UB40
Folksy fact: CityFolk is run by the same organization that hosts the Ottawa Bluesfest — one of the top 10 music festivals in the world, according to Billboard Magazine.
More info: cityfolkfestival.com

THERE'S MORE

Other notable Canadian folk festivals
- Vancouver Folk Festival: July 17-19
- Folk on the Rocks, Yellowknife: July 17-19
- Calgary Folk Music Festival: July 23-26
- Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, Nova Scotia: Aug. 6-9
- Regina Folk Festival: Aug. 7-9 STEVE GOW

CANADA

Sports and history kick up family fun

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

School is out, summer is here and it is time for some family fun at these unique attractions and events across Canada.

On July 10, a month of international sport and celebration begins in Toronto with the opening of the Pan Am Games followed on Aug. 7 by the Parapan Am Games. Get your kids engaged and excited watching athletes from 41 countries participate in 36 sports and be inspired by para-athletes from around the Americas.

The Ontario Celebration Zone at Harbourfront will offer free fun and food for the duration of the Games. Ignore any rumours about the city being crazy busy, there are still tickets available to many events and several downtown hotels are offering reasonable guestroom packages during the Games.

Ready, set, go!

Instead of pushing a gas pedal to drive a go-kart around a track, Skyline Luge uses gravity to pull racers down a track built into a ski hill. Twists, turns and steep hills await and yes, there is brake if you prefer a slower pace to enjoy the scenery. With locations in Mont Tremblant, Quebec and at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, you can enjoy a single ride or buy packages of five rides for less than $40.

Want your kids to know how good they have it? Find out what it was like to be a kid growing up in 18th-century New France on the Playing Hooky Children's tour at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site in Cape Breton, N.S. Arguably the best historical character re-enactment site in the country, this one-hour tour focuses on how different childhood was three centuries ago. The tours are best suited for young families with children aged 5 to 10, and run daily between now and Labour Day.

For older children, consider a visit to the Kumsheen Rafting Resort near Lytton, B.C.

Rollin' on the river

Pioneers of white water rafting in the province for more than 40 years, Kumsheen offers one- and two-day trips including rafting adventures on the legendary Thompson and Fraser rivers. Just three hours up the highway from Vancouver, the resort earned a TripAdvisor certificate of excellence in 2014.

If you prefer to keep it simple and just hit the beach, some of the best you will find are along New Brunswick's Acadian coast. Parlee Beach Provincial Park and Kouchibouguac National Park boast the warmest saltwater in Canada.

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Rafael Nadal was eliminated from Wimbledon by 102nd-ranked Dustin Brown

WEEKEND, July 3-5, 2015

Leos feel the 'good vibes'

CFL

B.C. anxious to begin playing after off-season of change

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

While the rest of the teams in the Canadian Football League are off to the races, the B.C. Lions have been stuck at the starting gate.

A bye in the first week of the season had the Lions watching rather than playing. Veteran defensive back Ryan Phillips says he's tired of covering his receiver teammates Courtney Taylor and Austin Collie in practice. He wants to hit somebody new. First-year coach Jeff Tedford admitted he's anxious to finally get things going.

"Coming out of training camp, you've been hitting the same guys ... for about two-and-a-half, three weeks," said Phillips. "You get that sense of repetitiveness and guys don't come as enthusiastic as normal.

"I think going into the first game, or any game, really, I'm always anxious. I think if you don't have a couple of butterflies, there's something wrong with you."

The wait will soon be over.

After an off-season of change in the coaching department, the headliner being the hiring of Tedford right before Christmas, and departures of numerous high-profile players like Dante Marsh and Paul McCallum, and eight months since a disastrous playoff loss in Montreal that sparked the sudden and massive overhaul within the organization, the Lions finally begin their 2015 season against the Ottawa RedBlacks on the road Saturday.

That's when the Tedford era officially gets underway for the Lions.

Lions quarterback Travis Lulay throws during training camp in Kamloops in June. CAM TUCKER/METRO

> **"I think if you don't have a couple of butterflies, there's something wrong with you.** Ryan Phillips

"Every single year, there's a unique feel to the team," said quarterback Travis Lulay.

"And this year, with a change of a head coach and bringing in some his new staff and his new philosophies ... there has been a lot of change. That said, to this point, it's felt pretty good.

Lulay admitted there was a "feeling out" process between the players and the new coach and his staff, and likewise for the new coach and his staff with the players, as everyone tried to get familiar with each other and a different system.

"Throughout training camp, I think there was good trust earned between both sides," said Lulay, who had only one start last season, in Ottawa, where he re-injured his right shoulder. "You can feel that right now. There are good vibes going around our locker-room."

CANUCKS

Gillis holdovers fired from front office

The Mike Gillis era is long gone now for the Vancouver Canucks.

On Thursday the Canucks cleaned out their front office, firing three Gillis-regime holdovers in vice-president of hockey operations and assistant general manager Laurence Gilman, assistant GM Lorne Henning and director of player personnel Eric Crawford.

Gilman joined the Canucks when Gillis became GM in 2008, and Henning was promoted to assistant GM at that time. Crawford, the younger brother of former coach Marc Crawford, had been with the organization for 16 years.

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> Trevor Linden

"We have made some difficult decisions to our roster and staff recently after a thorough review of the team," Canucks president Trevor Linden said in a statement. "These are not easy decisions, nor were they taken lightly. But they're important as we transition this team and build for the future."

Linden and current GM Jim Benning have used the word "transition" to describe the Canucks in many aspects. Trading defenceman Kevin Bieksa to the Anaheim Ducks for a second-round pick and other roster moves this off-season have exemplified that strategy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Tiger-Cats' Simoni Lawrence sacks Blue Bombers quarterback Drew Willy on Thursday night in Winnipeg.
JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tiger-Cats ravage Bombers

Zach Collaros passed for 354 yards and two touchdowns as the Hamilton Tiger-Cats scored six majors in a 52-26 rout of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Thursday.

Drew Willy, Winnipeg's starting quarterback, left the field with a suspected head injury.

Willy was injured with 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter when he took a helmet-to-helmet hit from Ticats defensive end Adrian Tracy.

Willy appeared to be knocked out, but after a couple minutes on the turf, he walked off the field to the locker-room and was replaced by Brian Brohm.

THURSDAY In Winnipeg

TICATS	BOMBERS
52	26

He's the fifth quarterback to be injured in the first two weeks of the CFL season, joining Montreal's Jonathan Crompton and Dan LeFevour, Edmonton's Mike Reilly and Saskatchewan veteran Darian Durant on the sidelines.

Hamilton (1-1) had a 17-7 lead after the first quarter and 38-7 at halftime. The team announced on Twitter that the 38 points was the most first-half points for a road team in 23 years.

Collaros completed 26 of 33 pass attempts, including a 35-yard toss to Bakari Grant and a three-yard pass to Terrence Toliver.

The Ticats got a rushing touchdown off a one-yarder by backup quarterback Jeff Matthews, while Brandon Banks returned a punt 67 yards for a major. Emanuel Davis took an interception 35 yards for a touchdown and Brandon Stewart picked off Brohm and ran 38 yards into the end zone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANAHEIM

Bieksa signs two-year extension with Ducks

Defenceman Kevin Bieksa has agreed to a two-year, $8-million contract extension through 2018 with the Anaheim Ducks.

Bieksa has one year and $4.6 million left on his contract from the Canucks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan a familiar foe to gritty Americans

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

U.S. has relied on stingy 'D' to set up rematch of 2011 final

It used to be that the U.S. women's national team was known more for its fierce attack. For the Women's World Cup in Canada, the Americans are finding success with a locked-down defence.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo, beleaguered at the start by new revelations in her domestic violence assault case last year, has been nearly perfect with five straight shutouts. Her latest came on Tuesday night when the United States defeated top-ranked Germany in the semifinals before a raucous pro-American crowd at Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

Normally focused to the point of almost appearing stern, Solo broke into a smile caught by television cameras late in the match.

Now it's on to the title match set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. The U.S. will face Japan in a rematch of the 2011 final. Japan beat England 2-1 Wednesday night in Edmonton.

The U.S. is 24-1-6 against Japan. But four years ago, Japan defeated the U.S. on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw for its first World Cup title. "We just beat the No. 1 team in the world in Germany and now we face Japan, another team that we have so much respect for," Abby Wambach said. "They're the reigning World Cup champions, so I think it's going to be a fantastic final."

The American women have won two World Cups, but the last championship came in 1999.

The U.S. has gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal in this World Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In order to be the best team in the world at the World Cup, you have to beat the best teams.

American forward Abby Wambach on facing Japan

CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY
In Vancouver
U.S. vs. Japan, 4 p.m.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo hugs coach Jill Ellis as the U.S. women celebrate their 2-0 win over Germany in Tuesday's semifinal at Olympic Stadium In Montreal. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Whitecaps goalie Ousted wins award

Vancouver Whitecaps goalkeeper David Ousted as been named Major League Soccer's player of the month for June.

The 30-year-old helped guide his team to three consecutive road wins, including a 1-0 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy that snapped a 29-game home unbeaten streak in all competitions.

Ousted then stopped two penalties in a 2-1 win over the New York Red Bulls, before last weekend's triumph by the same margin over New England that included eight saves to halt the Revolution's 19-game unbeaten run at home.

"I think it's a team award," Ousted said after Thursday's practice. "Winning games away from home and having a good road form here definitely helped me to get that. It means a lot to me."

The Dane, who joined the Whitecaps partway through the 2013 season, was twice named to the MLS team of the week in June and is tied for second in the league with seven shutouts.

Whitecaps' David Ousted DARYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Credit to him. I think he deserves it. He's been outstanding. It's nice for a goalkeeper to win that award," said Whitecaps head coach Carl Robinson.

Ousted collected 37.9 per cent of the vote, beating out Toronto FC midfielder Sebastian Giovinco (20.4 per cent), Philadelphia Union striker C.J. Sapong (15.6 per cent) and Portland Timbers striker Fanendo Adi (14.1 per cent) in a fan vote on the league's website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Duncan not done dunkin'
Tim Duncan is returning to San Antonio for a 19th season.

Duncan tells the San Antonio Express-News that "I'll be on the court next year." Until Duncan made his announcement Thursday, there was speculation that he could call it a career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays sign son of Expos great
The Toronto Blue Jays signed international free agent Vladimir Guerrero Jr. on Thursday.

Guerrero Jr., the highly-touted 16-year-old son of former star Vladimir Guerrero, is a right-handed hitting outfielder. The six-foot 220-pounder was born in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yellow tomatoes make a rich-tasting cold summer soup! Serves eight.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 1/2 oz French bread
- 1 cup diced peeled cucumber
- 1 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced sweet onion
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 large garlic clove
- 2 lb yellow ripe tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 cup diced seeded red tomatoes
- Fresh basil
- 1 oz crumbled goat cheese (optional)

Directions
1. Remove inside of French bread and tear into pieces. Toss out crust. Add to hot water and let stand while preparing rest of soup.
2. In a large bowl of a food processor, add cucumber, peppers, onion, oil, lemon juice, garlic, yellow tomatoes, salt and softened bread. Puree for two to three minutes until fairly smooth. Serve in either bowls or shot glasses.
3. Garnish with diced red tomatoes, basil and goat cheese if using.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 110
- Carbohydrates 14 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Protein 3 g
- Sodium 370 mg

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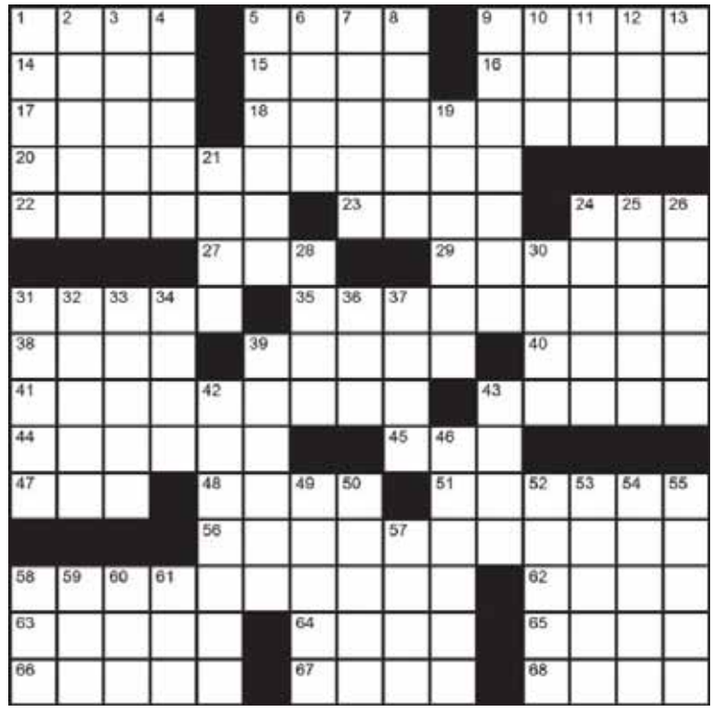

ACROSS
1. USSR, to Russians
5. "Yummy Yummy Yummy": 1968 hit for __ Express
9. Aussie actress from "Lost", Emilie de __
14. Pick up on sound
15. Crazes
16. Ludicrous
17. Spaghetti __ Carbonara
18. The world's deepest underground what can be found near Sudbury?: 2 wds.
20. Prince Harry's status as a Royal: 3 wds.
22. __ Haggen (Deputy on "Gunsmoke")
23. Cobblestone
24. Pressure meas.
27. Chitchat
29. Emulated a lion
31. Billy Idol tune: "__ for Fantasy"
35. Holly Cole song that goes: "I'm a bit unstable, she said with a Cheshire grin.": 2 wds.
38. Halo
39. Movie-makers Joel and Ethan
40. Drift
41. English and French
43. Minds
44. Jacqueline __, Valley of the Dolls novelist
45. Corporate executive, e.g.
47. Cornerstone abbr.
48. Tends to the lawn
51. Spouse's family, to you
56. Gibeau __ __ (Montreal's big circular roadside attraction that sells a drink of the same name)
58. Louise __, Montreal-born dancer famed for her work with La La La Human Steps
62. Within earshot
63. Mindful
64. On __ (Without a contract)
65. Terrain quantity
66. Relinquished
67. Present
68. Dog, with Terrier

DOWN
1. Threshing remnant
2. Whoopi Goldberg's role in "The Color Purple" (1985)
3. Belonging to the young cow
4. Reality star Spencer
5. Leaning Tower __ __
6. Violinist, Hilary __
7. Lovely/rustic poems
8. Actor/director Mr. Davis
9. Saskatchewan hamlet southeast of Regina
10. Brief reply?
11. Mr. Kilmer
12. 'Tsar' suffix (Russian empress)
13. Bird bill
19. Prefaces, commonly
21. Mr. Jackman
24. Former
25. Wait on
26. Lazes
28. Baseball great Mr. Powell
30. Taj Mahal's site
31. Bogus
32. Hawaiian parties
33. Accounting firm, __ & Young
34. Soap opera, basically
36. Society notice word
37. Etched [abbr.]
39. 'The Heart of Good Spirit Country' in Saskatchewan
42. Still in the same position
43. And, in a sentence, briefly
46. Intense
49. Family on "Beverly Hills, 90210"
50. Straight-billed marsh bird
52. Large green moths
53. Smart __ (Wiseguy)
54. Tired
55. Shopper's fun time
57. Actor Will
58. Beach site, in Quebec
59. Meadows mom
60. Scoundrel
61. "What __ the odds?"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You need to identify your priorities and decide what is you desire most from life. If that means rejecting what other people want you to do then so be it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will say something silly today. No doubt you will be embarrassed when you realize later that your words were out of order but for now you just don't care — and maybe you should care less often.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Hopefully you have not flashed the cash too much over the past few days, because if you have you will need to make sacrifices today and over the weekend.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Take what friends and colleagues tell you with a large pinch of salt. Good advice will be hard to come by, but bad advice will come at you from all directions.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Until the full moon wanes over the weekend it might be wise not to exert yourself too much physically, especially if you are one of those Leos who likes to push themselves to extremes.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your creative juices may be flowing but others don't seem as responsive to your ideas as they should be. But who says you need their approval? Just get on and do it by yourself.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is tension between your professional and private life and you need to find a compromise. You can't give both your all at the same time, so be sensible and compartmentalize your time and energy.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will speak your mind and it's possible that your stance will put you in a minority of one, but that won't worry you in the slightest.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
According to the planets you have overlooked something small but important and it will come back to haunt you unless you find out what it is and deal with it. Do the hard work today and leave the weekend free.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more you try to put your needs first today the more people will demand that you take care of their needs first. Just this once it might be wise to give in to their demands.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Chances are you feel less than confident at the moment. The good news is that come the weekend your mood will have improved considerably.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The advice you get from a friend may be well-meaning but can you trust it? According to the planets they don't really know what they are talking about, so thank them and do what your inner voice tells you instead.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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